

HOW CHITONS EXPLAIN THE WORLD

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ABSTRACT

Changes in chitons – small intertidal invertebrates – reveal a wide range of influences, from the recovery of sea otters to the social impacts of the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. This presentation explores how a small study expanded to address wider environmental and historical influences on the black leather chiton in southern Alaska.

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